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March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

Glen Frost opened the meeting at 8:00 with introductions.

**MDT NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Horizontal Line Control.** MDT distributed a proposed revision to Standard Specification 401.03.10 that requires contractors to assume all traffic control costs associated with furnishing horizontal line control for paving when that is the only operation being performed. MCA will offer comments during the formal distribution.
- 2. Field Target Density for Plant Mix.** MDT handed out a proposed revision to Materials Manual test MT-328, part 3.3. The change will make the average density after the first two tests retroactive to the start of production.
- 3. 2007 Engineering Conference.** MDT stated that Contractor attendance at the conference was limited. MDT asked that MCA work with MDT to develop the agenda for the Contractor day at the 2007 conference.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. 107.08 Load Restrictions.** MCA asked MDT if they would consider adding other operations such as striping. MDT asked MCA to send the proposed vehicle configurations to MDT for review. MDT advised that overweight vehicles will not be allowed on PCCP.
- 2. 202.03.1 Bridge Removal.** MCA requested that the concrete be broken to 12 inch minus with no rebar rather than the proposed 6-inch. MDT will look at that change.
- 3. 2006 Standard Specifications.** MDT stated that the new spec book will be available on the net in a few days and it will be searchable.
- 4. CBC, CTS Tables 701-8 and 701-10.** MDT is still considering changes to the No. 200 sieve. MDT suggested that the committee wait until next month to discuss the progress of the proposed changes. MDT still plans on two test projects this season.
- 5. Ride Spec and Plant Mix Forum.** MCA indicated they had some concerns but thought they could live with the proposed changes. Isolation versus leveling was discussed. Isolation will be called out as a separate lift on the plans. It is possible to have both in a project. Neither is an opportunity for improvement.
- 6. Sulfate Soundness.** MDT expects research on the Micro Deval to be completed by June or July. MDT will give updates as more progress is made.
- 7. Pulverization.** MDT is still researching this. There appears to be some sequencing issues. MDT is close to a draft that will be distributed soon.
- 8. Traffic Control.** MDT stated that the new rate schedule is out and will be effective in April. MCA informed MDT that the members that had signed up for the Work Zone Awareness Week hadn't heard anything from MDT. MDT will follow up on this and contact the contractors that signed up. The rate for flaggers was increased to allow for rest breaks. If the breaks are not being given, the rate will be reduced.

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**9. Subcontractor Requirements.** MDT handed out the proposed Subcontractor requirements. MCA had questions about DBE and Payroll and how they were affected by these requirements. MDT indicated the three are separate, and will attempt to provide clarification, from Civil Rights, on Payrolls and DBE. .

**10. Mag Chloride – Prime.** MDT stated that the research is still moving along. MDT plans to propose experimental projects once the research is done.

**11. Concrete Acceptance.** MCA had concerns with the deductions for concrete. MDT stated that they are working on revising many of the concrete specifications.

**12. Contract Time and Chipping.** MDT is allowing several of the projects that were to be chipped in August, to be chipped next spring to accommodate the Industries capacity. MDT pointed out that the future letting schedule will be primarily November through March.

**13. Construction Sequencing.** MCA had concerns that the sequencing specs were limiting their operations and efficiency. MDT pointed out that exceptions are allowed per the spec by working through the EPM.

### **New Business from MCA**

**1. Q&A.** MCA informed MDT that there was a question placed on the Q&A that was not answered. MDT legal thought the question was complicated, with technicalities that needed research. MDT agreed that there should have been a response, even if the response was to say the question would not be answered.

**2. Maintenance Contracts.** MCA submitted a question to MDT legal relating to maintenance contracts and have not received an answer. MDT will assist in getting a response.

The next meeting will be **April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.